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SUBJECT: PENDING CHANGES IN BARBADIAN GOVERNMENT

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1. IN COMMENT TO CHARGE AUGUST 22 ON RUMORED CHANGES IN
BARBADIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
HENRY DEB FORDE, CONFIRMED THAT AMBASSADOR TO UN DON BLACK-
MAN MAY COME BACK TO BARBADOS AS MINISTER OF HOUSING OR
LABOR. AN ASSIGNMENT FOR BLACKMAN HAD NOT BEEN DETERMINED
AS OF AUGUST 21, HOWEVER. OTHER HIGH
PORTFOLIOS MAY BE CHANGED, HE SAID, WITHOUT ELABORATION.

2. FORDE SAID THAT OLIVER JACKMAN, BARBADIAN AMBASSADOR
TO WASHINGTON, WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE RETURNING TO BARBADOS
AS PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NOR WILL
INCUMBENT PERMSEC ALGIE SYMMONDS BE GOING TO LONDON AS
HIGH COMMISSIONER AS RUMORED, AT LEAST FOR NOW. FORDE
HIMSELF WISHES REMAIN AS MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UNTIL
1981 ELECTIONS THOUGH HE GROANS UNDER BURDENS OF ATTORNEY-
GENERAL POSITION, A PORTFOLIO WHICH HE HOLDS BECAUSE
NO ONE ELSE WILL TAKE IT.

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